The yearwise budget of the ITDC for advertising and break-up of the amount spent during the last three years is as under:—

Rupees in lakhs

| Year | Budget | Amount spent through private advertising agencies |
|---|---|---|
| 1983-84 | 55·00 | 58·23 |
| 1984-85 | 56·00 | 45·24 |
| 1985-86 | 56·00 | 41·91 |

As per guidelines of the Bureau of Public Enterprises, ITDC is using only the services of private agencies accredited to the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity.

**Consultative status with ECOSOC, a U.N. Body sought for by a Sikh organisation of Nairobi**

675. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unknown Sikh organisation with Nairobi as its headquarters has sought consultative status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), a U.N. Body;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with U.N.; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Sikh Commonwealth World Wide (SCWW) has shifted its Headquarters to England from Kenya, where it was set up in 1975.

(b) Government had taken up the matter with the member-countries of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations and with the UN Secretariat.

(c) As a result of our efforts, and the support of all our friends, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organisations unanimously rejected the application. Government deeply appreciates the role of all member countries represented on the Committee.

**Export of textiles to USSR**

676. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity and value of textiles exported to USSR during the years 1985, 1986 and so far in 1987; and

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to increase the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A Statement is attached as Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is attached as Statement-II (*See* below).

**STATEMENT - I**

*Export of cotton textiles and readymade garments to USSR*

| Item | Year | Quantity | Value (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Cotton Fabrics | 1985 | 1941·8 Lakh Sq. mtrs. | 164·83 |
| | 1986 | 1656·8 Lakh Sq. mtrs. | 145·44 |
| | Jan. 1987 | 47·0 Lakh Sq. mtrs. | 4·21 |
| 2. Cotton made-ups and other manufactures. | 1985 | 48·5. Lakh Kg. | 34·99 |
| | 1986 | 16·3 Lakh Kg. | 11·07 |
| | Jan. 1987 | 0·20 Lakh Kg. | 0·15 |
| 3. Readymade Garments. | 1985 | 329 Lakh Pcs. | 172·60 |
| | 1986 | 293 Lakh Pcs. | 156·84 |
| | Jan. 1987 | 17 Lakh Pcs. | 9·97 |

SOURCE ; Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council & Apparel Export Promotion Council.

**Statement-II**

The following measures have been taken to boost the export of textile goods.

1. Sophisticated garment manufacturing machines not manufactured indigenously are allowed to be imported on OGL. As many as 114 machines for garment and hosiery manufacture have been placed under OGL, 97 of them enjoying concessional import duty.

2. For the purpose of removing obsolescence and for modernising the textile industry, the Government policy of indigenous production of textile machinery has been liberalised and select machines are allowed to be imported with export obligation.

3. A textile modernisation fund of Rs. 750 crores has been created for facilitation of modernisation of cotton textile Industry.

4. A long term policy for the export of cotton yarn with liberal ceilings has been announced. The present ceiling is 40 million Kgs., per year for yarn of counts upto 60s against 12 million Kgs., earlier. There is no restriction on the export of yarn above 60s count.

5. Revised rates of CCS have been announced effective from 1st July, 1986. These rates have been announced for a period of 3 years and are generally higher than before. CCS on export of yarn of all counts has been allowed @ 8 per cent from 29th August, 1986. CCS on export of grey fabric has been raised to 10 per cent w.e.f. 13-2-1987.

6. Cotton garments and textiles have been brought under the scheme of Contract Registration with a view to providing an element of certainty to exporters in the matter of CCS.

7. The Fashion Technology Institute in Delhi for education, research and training in the areas of fashion design for garment manufacture will be fully operative in 1987.

8. The duty drawback rates for cotton garments have been increased to 10 per cent.

9. The number of days of pre-shipment credit has been increased from 90 days to 180 days. The rate of interest has also been reduced by 2.5 per cent.

10. Many items of raw material/fabrics are permitted to be imported under Duty Free REP Scheme and the Import-Export Pass Book Scheme.

11. The scope of Advance Licensing Scheme has been widened and procedures simplified.

12. Under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units and Free Trade Zones Scheme, facilities for liberal import of capital goods and raw materials alongwith many other concessions are given.

13. Govt., has been giving liberal assistance for sponsoring and funding promotional activities such as market studies, buyer-seller meets, participation in international fairs and exhibitions.

14. Permission for use of foreign brand names for domestic sales has been approved in the case of ready-made garments with the stipulation that only indigenous fabrics are used; at least 75 of the production is exported and no royalties are allowed on domestic sales.

**Trade' protocol with Soviet Union**

677. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a trade protocol has recently been signed with the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indo-Soviet Annual Trade Protocol for the year 1987 was signed on 12-11-1986. The Trade Protocol for 1987 envisages a total trade turnover of Rs. 3800 crores, imports from the USSR to India being projected at Rs. 1850 crores and exports from India to USSR at Rs. 1950 crores, which will be over 5 per cent that the estimated trade turnover of Rs. 3600 crores for the year 1986.

A number of new items have been added to the list of imports from the USSR. These new items include coking coal, soda ash, PVC, Polystyrene, sawngoods, Ortoxylene, paraxylene, abraslve goods, selenium, antimony, waste paper etc. The major items of export from India are agricultural products minerals and ores, engineering goods, textiles, leather and leather manufactures, chemicals and allied products, and other miscellaneous goods and the major items of import from USSR are machineries and equipment, oil and petroleum products, steel products, chemicals, non-ferous metals, fertilizers and other miscellaneous goods.

**Service conditions of Delhi Police**

678. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the working condition of Delhi Police;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government have any plan to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to